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The frontispiece represents a bunch of berries, life size, picked from our field by Prof. Heikel, State Pomologist of Finland, Russia, during the dry summer of 1908 and from one of the most heavily laden fields I ever saw.

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HERBERT RASPBERRY

The Herbert Raspberry is a chance seedling that sprang up in 1887 in the garden of R. B. Whyte, one of the most prominent and best known horticulturists in the City of Ottawa, Canada. It has undergone a thorough test of 22 years beside all the old varieties, as well as the later introductions, and has completely outclassed them all. This wonderful Raspberry is certainly a fitting monument to the originator, for the zeal he has displayed in the interest of horticulture.

It stands our severe winters, even the winters of Peace River Territory, where the thermometer reaches 51 to 59 below zero, absolutely uninjured, and has never failed to produce a heavy crop of the most delicious fruit. It is a recognized fact that the farther north any fruit is grown to perfection, the better is its quality, and this "Child of the North Land" is no exception to the rule. The fruit is as large as the largest. It is as rich and high-flavored as the best, and far exceeds any other kind in hardiness, rugged, thrifty constitution of plant, and is much more productive than any other kind. It seems almost incredible that we can find in one variety all these qualities combined to such a degree, but its many years of thorough test, at various Government Experimental Stations, fully bears out the assertion that there is no other variety in existence that can be compared with it.

It has been thoroughly tested for fifteen years by several leading experimental stations, whose reports appear below, and who are absolutely unbiased. These persons are not interested in its sale, and can have no reason for recommending it, further than the wish to see brought forward a variety of the greatest possible merit.

Another year has added its proof to the statement that this is the GREATEST YIELDING AND FINEST ALL ROUND RASPBERRY IN EXISTENCE.

About fifteen years ago, a representative of one of the large Western Ontario nurseries sold a great many large orders of Cuthbert, Shaffer and other raspberries to the farmers and gardeners about Ottawa, but they proved so entirely unsatisfactory that one after another went out of them, till now, only one gardener is growing any quantity of them, and it became the opinion that raspberries were an unprofitable crop, but Herbert appearing on the scene has completely changed all this opinion, and they are being planted now in large acreage, and big money is being made

from the fruit. We had one block of an acre this past summer, from which we dug every cane that we could make a saleable plant out of last spring, so there was not over an average of one cane to the hill left to fruit, and there are now over 100,000 strong canes from three to six feet high growing on the ground and towering far above the fruiting canes at fruit season, so that the fruiting canes did not have a chance to produce over one-eighth of what would have been borne off the ground, had they been grown with six fruiting canes to the hill, and the young growth kept cultivated out of the space between the hills and rows. We had two picnics at our nurseries during the fruiting season, one attended by the originator of Herbert, as well as by several other prominent horticulturists, and we had a great many visitors from the city and district come to buy the magnificent berries. Our children and their little friends had free access to the field at all times, and they and all visitors and picnickers were invited to help themselves to all they wanted, and yet, in spite of the excessive heat and drouth of the latter part of the fruiting season, we picked from this acre, 1,029 boxes of most beautiful berries. I feel safe in saying, that had this acre been cultivated alone for berries, and visitors kept out of it, we would have picked close on 10,000 baskets of berries from it. We sold the entire crop at from 17 to 20 cents a box, wholesale.

If you, dear reader, will glance over the following testimonials and read what some of the most reliable and competent uninterested authorities in America have to say about this wonderful berry, and then consider that my plants are grown from stock bought from the Originator, that I am the only Nurseryman doing business to-day that ever got plants from him; that he, in company with Mr. W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist, whose reputation for candor and conservatism in reports is continental, and also Alex. McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture for Canada, another of Canada's most noted authorities, whose name is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific, visited my plantation during the fruiting season, and were satisfied with the purity of my stock and the quality of my goods, and that the latter gentleman bought and planted 3,000 of my plants. I believe you will decide to plant some of this great berry, if you have not already done so, or if you have planted so-called Herberts, secured from a doubtful source. We offer it now at a price within the reach of all, and believe that every person with only a little garden even, might well set a few Herberts along the fence. Dr. Switzer, of 83 Second Avenue, Ottawa, got three plants from us three years ago, and from the product of these, growing across the end of his wood-shed, had enough to supply his family with all the fresh berries they wanted, and some to can.

Herbert is not a novelty, having been carefully tested for fifteen years by some of the most reliable Experimental Stations in the United States and Canada, without getting a single unfavorable report from these most dependable sources.

Note that our testimonials are from undoubted authorities and that I give their full names and addresses, as they are not faked like a lot of testimonials given by at least one other concern which has been pushing Herbert, but who has been several times prosecuted for fraud and for failure to deliver goods paid for.

We have sent plants all over the continent and had them arrive in excellent condition. We have pleased many others and can please you, and if you have not already bought a stock of Herberts, we think you will do well to let us have you order without delay, that you may get good plants from a thoroughly reliable source and grow such enormous crops of most delicious berries as others of our customers have grown.

Following is the Originator's description of it:—

"The Herbert is the best of thirty seedling Raspberries fruited during the last twenty-three years, and after careful comparison with all the leading varieties, I can confidently say that it is very much superior to any of them. In hardiness, it easily takes first place, standing a lower temperature than any other kind. The cane is very strong and vigorous, slightly prickly, leaves large and healthy, and has never been affected by Anthracnose, or disease of any kind. Fruit, bright red, somewhat oblong, the largest of all red Raspberries, larger than Cuthbert or Loudon. Flavour, very sweet and juicy, the very best for table use. Enormously productive, will bear twice the crop of either Cuthbert or Loudon, under the same conditions. Season, five to six days before Cuthbert. Holds its size well to end of season."

Following are extracts from reports of others who have tested it:—

"Herbert (No. 17)—A chance seedling originating with R. B. Whyte, Ottawa, Canada, in 1887. One of thirty seedlings, probably of Clarke. A very strong grower, hardy, and very productive. Fruit large to very large, obtusely conical, bright to rather deep red; drupes medium size, not crumbling; moderately firm; sweet and subacid, sprightly juicy and of good flavor; quality very good. Season begins a few days before Cuthbert. The best red Raspberry tested here. It has all the good points required in a berry for local market, being hardy, vigorous, productive, with fruit of large size, good color and very good quality. If firm enough for distant shipment it may displace Cuthbert."—Bulletin No. 56, by W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Canada.

In reply to your request of August 6, in regard to report on the Herbert Raspberry, will say that this variety has made a very good showing this year. The winter injury on two 27-foot rows was 5 and 10 per cent. respectively, the yield averaging 368 ounces. The injury to one row of Cuthberts of the same length was 25 per cent., the yield being 226 ounces. The growth of the canes of Herbert is not so tall on our soil as that of Cuthbert, but we find that the berries average larger and are nearly as attractive as Cuthbert in general appearance. It is certainly a variety worthy of trial, and I have no hesitation in recommending it for this purpose."—Horticulturist, New York Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N.Y.

"Iron Bridge, Algoma, Ont."

"The Herbert Raspberries purchased from you have done well. I consider that they are the most hardy and productive of any raspberry I have ever seen, and taking all things into consideration, I think that they are by far the most profitable berry to plant. The Eaton Raspberry is a fine large berry, but it breaks up badly. The Kittie Rice and Pocomoke Strawberries are both very valuable varieties. The Kerr Pear is still standing here. The Golden Queen Plum, also the Surprise, Cheney and Raynes Plums you sent me, seem perfectly hardy here, 60 miles east of Sault Ste. Marie. Yours truly,

"The D. Tait Nursery,

"Edmonton, Alberta."

"The Herbert Raspberries which you sent me last year, came through the winter well. They are in bearing this year, and the fruit is very large and of fine, rich flavor. I measured some of the berries before I left home and found that one of them measured 3⅜ inches in circumference and ⅞ inch in height. Yours truly,

"E. B. Edwards, K.C.,

From the foreman of the Horticultural Department of the Experimental Farm at Ottawa, Canada:—

"I have closely watched the Herbert Raspberry growing on the Farm for the last few years, and I consider it ahead of Cuthbert, which is classed as the best Red Raspberry now on the market. As judge of the Ottawa Horticultural Society's shows for the last six years, I have always been more favorably impressed with the fruit of the Herbert Raspberry than any other, and have always awarded it first prize."

Mr. F. Theaker, of Hanbury, Temiscaming, one of the coldest parts of New Ontario, reports:—

"Herbert is the largest in size and the finest in flavor of any Red Raspberry I have ever seen or tasted. It is a great yielder, a vigorous grower, and as hardy as the wild berry of this country,

coming through the winter uninjured, even when fully unprotected."

Under date of August 19th, 1907, Mr. Theaker writes:—

"In regard to the Herbert Raspberry, I am pleased to tell you it is doing well in this peculiar climate. It is perfectly hardy and a most beautiful berry. I have some friends from Toronto visiting me just now and they pronounce Herbert the largest and finest Raspbery they have ever seen."

Mr. M. Crawford, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, writes:—

"We found the Herbert Raspberry splendid in every way."

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

BRANCH OF THE

DAIRY AND COLD STORAGE COMMISSIONER.

Ottawa, Canada, August 13, 1910.

W. J. KERR, ESQ.,
Proprietor, Ottawa Nurseries,
Woodroffe, Ont., Canada.

DEAR SIR,—Let me express the pleasure I had in my visit to your large block of Herbert Raspberries. I have seen these fruiting, now, for a number of years, and have sampled the fruit in every form, and believe that the Herbert is the coming commercial berry for earliness, size and quality. This will certainly be the case where hardiness of cane is of importance. I have such faith in its merits that I propose to supply the capital to a tenant of mine, to make a plantation of five acres of the Herbert this fall.

Yours truly,
A. McNEILL,
Chief Fruit Division.

In another letter from Mr. McNeill, in my possession, he says:—

"Really, too much cannot be said for the Herbert on account of its hardiness. The quality of the berry is, in my opinion, rather better than the Cuthbert, especially when canned, and it also has the advantage in size."

"The Herbert Raspberries you sent me are doing very nicely and we hope to have them fruiting this time next year."

A. E. CALNAN,
Allisonville, Ont.

Johnson, Nebraska, May 13, 1910.

W. J. KERR, ESQ.

DEAR SIR,—The Herbert plants came to hand O.K., and were planted the same day and seem to not feel bad for changing their

nationality, as they are starting to grow fine. They certainly look as if they were built for business.

Yours respectfully,

G. S. CHRISTY.

"The Raynes plum trees, also Herbert Raspberries, Buster and Pocomoke Strawberries are doing real well. I am well pleased with everything you sent me."

DAVID TAITE,
Iron Bridge, Algoma, Ont.

"The Herbert Raspberry bushes came last night, and never saw anything like them for Raspberries, so much larger than I got from another firm, and bigger than my own. I did not think they could arrive in such condition, as I have raspberries blossomed now. The leaves on yours were not wilted, and I had no duty to pay."

H. T. COREY,
Manchester, N.H., U.S.A.

"Received the Herbert plants two days after mailing, set them the next day and every cane is living. We never saw hardier looking or better rooted plants, fine young shoots now peeping through the ground."

L. F. WEAVER,
Dexter, Mo.

Wooll & Tillotson, of Michigan, writes:—

"We are pleased to say that Herbert has proved all you claimed for it. Of large size, good color, splendid quality, and very hardy and productive. An ideal market sort for the north at least."

"I have fruited the Herbert Raspberry in a small way for five years, and consider it the best variety in the market. It is of large size, very productive, and perfectly hardy. I have seen others of as good flavor, possibly better, but no other so near perfection in all respects."

"Yours truly,

"M. CRAWFORD,

"Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio."

Mr. Crawford bought his plants from us, and after five years test, bought 1,000 more this past spring.

"My Herbert Raspberries were certainly very fine this year. Was very much afraid that the dry spell would play hob with them, but fortunately I had spread strong manure around the bushes, and that seemed to have held the moisture sufficiently,

so that they carried through until we got a nice rain, and ever since that we have had about as fine berries as it is possible to have.

"JOHN A. BAIN,
"Bain Wagon Co., Woodstock, Ont."

Mr. Bain did not see fit to buy from the so-called nursery company of Woodstock, who claim to have bought the entire stock of Herberts from the Introducers and who advertise "Wholesale to Planter" stock, but whose place presented last September, on the occasion of my visit to their place, the worst sight of weeds and stunted plants I ever saw. Their advertisement of "Regenerated Blight-resistant Potatoes," should read De-generate, blight destroyed potatoes. If my crop of potatoes were no better than theirs, I certainly would not waste any time digging them. They had no fruit trees of their own growing, except a few root grafts planted that spring, which certainly would never make marketable trees on the poverty-stricken soil on which they grew.

Mr. Bain preferred to send to me, the purchaser of the Originator's stock, and the Introducer of Herbert, and thus get the genuine thing, and the satisfaction above indicated.

"The Raspberries and Strawberries arrived in good condition and I am very pleased with them.

"MRS. M. E. BLAIR,
"Shediac, N.B."

"I was much pleased to receive plants, they were in extra good condition, and are doing nicely.

"JOHN MCFARLANE,
"Gratton, Ont."

"Trees arrived all right and in good condition.

"WM. DUNLOP,
"McDonald's Corners, Ont.

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, May 19, 1911.

MR. W. J. KERR,
Woodoffe, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—The Herbert Raspberries sent by express arrived last evening, and were unpacked to-day. They were in fine condition.

Very cordially yours,
M. CRAWFORD CO.

From the 1906 report of the Fruit Experiment Stations of Ontario, we take the following from the report of Mr. A. E. Sherrington, of Walkerton, Ont., the official Government Experimenter:—

"The only varieties worthy of cultivation among the reds are Marlboro, Herbert and Cuthbert, ripening in order given, but Herbert is by far the best yielder.

"Herbert: Plant strong, vigorous, and very hardy; fruit very large, larger than Cuthbert; yield 592 oz.; ripe July 13th. This variety is by far the heaviest cropper of all raspberries." Cuthbet in same length of row, 20 feet, yielded only 216 oz., and Marlboro 272 oz., or less than half as much.

From bulletin No. 56 by W. T. Macoun, Horticulturist at the Central Experimental Farm, at Ottawa, I take the following list of yields, which is the average for three years from twelve plants:—

Herbert	36 lbs.	7¾ oz.
Columbian	11 lbs.	9¼ oz.
Marlboro	7 lbs.	12½ oz.
Loudon	7 lbs.	12 oz.
Shaffer	6 lbs.	10½ oz.
King	5 lbs.	15 oz.
Golden Queen	4 lbs.	15½ oz.

Cuthbert has been a failure owing to winter injury to the canes.

From this table we see the enormous superiority in yield of Herbert over all other varieties.

Prof. Bailey, one of the best authorities in the world, places the average crop of raspberries per acre at from 54 to 100 bushels. Estimating the average yield as reported by 56 growers, Card found the average to be 69 bushels per acre. But at the Experimental Farm, Ottawa, in 1904, Herbert produced at the rate of 319 bushels 26 lbs. per acre, or nearly five times as much as the average. This is simply wonderful. Imagine a pile of raspberries twice as large as the average crop of potatoes coming off the same amount of ground.

In the report of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station of a few seasons ago, Herbert is the only one of 43 new varieties tested that received no adverse criticism, and that report includes all the new kinds known. Herbert has been by long odds the heaviest yielder and equal to the best in all other ways.

From the August, 1910, number of the *Canadian Horticulturist*, Canada's leading horticultural paper, I take the following, written by a staff representative, who visited our plantation at the time of the Vegetable Growers' Association picnic to our nurseries: "Later Mr. Kerr showed his visitors over a large patch of Herbert Raspberries, of which he grows a good many. Although they were planted out late last summer, and were being grown

more with a view of producing new plants than fruit, many of the bushes were so heavily loaded with fruit as to be bent almost to the ground. The Herbert Raspberry was originated in Ottawa some twenty-two years ago, by R. B. Whyte, and has proven itself one of the most, if not the most, valuable raspberry for all purposes that has ever been originated. It is exceedingly hardy, a heavy bearer, and the fruit is of the very best quailty, as was shown by comparison with the other varieties also grown by Mr. Kerr."

From the *Central Canada Citizen*, July 15th, one of Canada's leading agricultural papers, I take the following, written by the Horticultural Editor, who also visited our plantation on July 12th: "This particular meeting is vested with much interest, inasmuch as it was what horticulturists call a 'Herbert Day,' and the Herbert Raspberry came in for a good share of well-earned commendation—one of their townsmen was the originator of a variety *par excellence* of this fruit—R. B. Whyte, President of the Ontario Horticultural Association, twenty-two years ago by accident, found thirty seedling raspberry plants in his disused hen-yard. One of these thirty, after years of selection and watching, has at last reproduced its kind with such prolificness and trueness of type that to-day they are very gods and heroes in the raspberry family. It was partly to see and taste this fruit that this particular meeting was planned to be held at the Woodroffe Nurseries, where a large plantation was inspected. It was stated that in a recent test the Herbert Raspberry yielded more than three times the quantity of the next following best yielding varieties. Nearly all experts also consider that its flavor and other qualities are equal or superior to those of other raspberries."

We have hundreds of similar letters, which all go to prove that our stock is good, and that we know how to pack our plants so they will reach our customers in good condition, no matter where located.

To sum up, it has proved itself very much stronger, more vigorous and disease-resisting than any of the other kinds now on the market. It is of the very best quality; it has exceeded them all in yield, not only in our cold climate, but in the more favorable location of the Experimental Station of Geneva, N.Y., where it yielded over 50 per cent. more fruit than Cuthbert, and, all in all, we have no hesitancy in saying that there is no Raspberry in existence to-day that can compare with Herbert.

To those ordering without delay we will send free 10 per cent. of the price in Eaton Raspberry plants, priced same as Herberts, or the extra value in Herberts, if preferred. Eaton is the largest berry I ever say, is perfectly hardy here, and the cane almost thornless, but the berry is not so good flavored as Herbert, and it crumbles badly in picking. This offer is only for those ordering for delivery this fall, 1911.

Mrs. Kerr and children picking Herbert Raspberries